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(SBU) Poleconoff delivered reftel points on October 23 to Carlos Costa Neves, Portugal's MFA Director for International Political Organizations, and on October 26 to Sara Martins, MFA Deputy Director for International Political Organizations. Martins underscored that, like the U.S., Portugal was "very much against" no-action motions and would support the three UN human rights resolutions against Iran, Burma, and the DPRK. She noted that the Burma and DPRK resolutions were introduced by the European Union and Portugal was therefore a co-sponsor. Martins said Portugal would also support Canada's resolution on Iran, noting that her office had been in close touch with the Canadian Ambassador to Portugal. "Portugal is doing its part to get these human rights resolutions adopted," she concluded.

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